AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 54. (Currently Amended) A dendritic polymer of generation n comprising:
- a central core § of valence m;
- optionally, generation chains branching around the core;
- an intermediate chain at the end of each generation chain that is present, or at the end of each bond around the core, where appropriate; and
- a terminal group at the end of each intermediate chain, wherein said terminal group is represented by the formula:

$$-(A1)<[A2-P(=O)(OX)_2]_2$$
 (T)

wherein

-A1< represents the radical -CR< or -Heteroatom<;

the radicals A2, which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a single bond or a linear or branched hydrocarbon chain having from 1 to 6 chain members, each of said chain members optionally being selected from a heteroatom, each chain member being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from -Alkyl, -Hal, -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, and -Aralkyl;

R and R', which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom or an -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

X represents an -Alkyl or -Aryl radical, -H or /M⁺, where M is a cation,

m represents an integer greater than or equal to 1;

n represents an integer from 0 to 12; and

< represents two bonds situated on A1,

wherein the generation chains, which are identical or different, are represented by the formula:

$$-A-B-C(D)=N-N(E)-(P(=G))< (C1)$$

wherein:

A represents an oxygen, sulfur or phosphorus atom or a radical -NR-;

<u>B represents a radical -Aryl-, -Heteroaryl-, or -Alkyl-, each of which is</u>

<u>optionally substituted by a halogen atom or a -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;</u>

C represents a carbon atom,

D and E, which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom, or an -Alkyl, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical, each of which is optionally substituted by a halogen atom or a -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

G represents a sulfur, oxygen, nitrogen, selenium or tellurium atom or a radical =NR;

N represents a nitrogen atom;

P represents a phosphorus atom; and

R and R', which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom or an -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical.

- 55. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, having a structure of the DAB, PAMAM or PMMH type.
- 56. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, wherein A1 represents the radical –CH< or –N<.
- 57. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, wherein A2 represents -Me-.
- 58. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, wherein the central core § is selected from the group consisting of:

59. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, wherein the central core § has the formula:



- 60. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, wherein m represents an integer from 1 to 8.
- 61. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, wherein m is selected from 3, 4 and 6.
- 62. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, wherein n is from 0 to 3.
- 63. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, wherein the generation chains are selected from linear and branched hydrocarbon chains having from 1 to 12 chain members and optionally having one or more double or triple bonds, each of said chain members optionally being selected from a heteroatom, an Aryl radical, a Heteroaryl radical, >C=O, and >C=NR, each chain member being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of-Alkyl, -Hal, -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, and -Aralkyl,

wherein

R and R', which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom or an -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical.

64. (Cancelled)

- 65. (Currently Amended) A dendritic polymer according to claim [[64]] <u>54</u>, wherein in formula C1 A represents an oxygen atom.
- 66. (Currently Amended) A dendritic polymer according to claim [[64]] <u>54</u>, wherein B represents an optionally substituted phenyl radical.
- 67. (Currently Amended) A dendritic polymers according to claim [[64]] <u>54</u>, wherein D represents a hydrogen atom.
- 68. (Currently Amended) A dendritic polymer according to claim [[64]] <u>54</u>, wherein E represents an -Alkyl radical.
- 69. (Currently Amended) A dendritic polymer according to claim [[64]] <u>54</u>, wherein G represents a sulfur atom.
- 70. (Currently Amended) A dendritic polymer according to claim [[54]] 108, wherein the generation chains are represented by the formula:

$$-A'-(C=O)-N(R)-B'-N<$$
 (C1')

wherein

A' and B' each independently of the other represents an -Alkyl, -Alkenyl, or -Alkynyl radical, each of which is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from -Alkyl, -Hal, -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, and -Aralkyl; and

R and R', which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom or an -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical.

- 71. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 70, wherein A' and B' each independently of the other represents a radical -Alkyl-.
- 72. (Currently Amended) A dendritic polymer according to claim [[54]] 108, wherein the generation chains are represented by the formula:

wherein

A" represents an -Alkyl, -Alkenyl, or -Alkynyl radical, each of which is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from -Alkyl, -Hal, -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, and -Aralkyl,

wherein R and R', which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom or an –Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical.

- 73. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 72, wherein A" represents an optionally substituted radical -Alkyl-.
- 74. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, wherein the intermediate chains are selected from linear and branched hydrocarbon chains having from 1 to 12 chain members and optionally having one or more double

or triple bonds, each of said chain members optionally being selected from a heteroatom, an Aryl radical, a Heteroaryl radical, >C=O, and >C=NR, each chain member being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from -Alkyl, -Hal, -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, and -Aralkyl,

wherein R and R', which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom or an -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical.

75. (Cancelled)

- 76. (Currently Amended) A dendritic polymer according to claim [[75]] 108, wherein J represents an oxygen atom.
- 77. (Currently Amended) A dendritic polymer according to claim [[75]] 108, wherein K represents an optionally substituted -Phenyl- radical.
- 78. (Currently Amended) A dendritic polymer according to claim [[75]] 108, wherein L represents a radical –(Alk)_a- or the radical -C(D)=N-N(E)-(Alk)_a-, where D and E, which are identical or different, each independently of the other represent a hydrogen atom, or an -Alkyl, --OAlkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical, each of which is optionally substituted by a halogen atom or by a -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical.
- 79. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, wherein the intermediate chains are represented by formula

$$-A'-(C=O)-N(R)-B'-$$
 (C2')

wherein A' and B' each independently of the other represents an -Alkyl, -Alkenyl, or -Alkynyl radical, each of which is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from -Alkyl, -Hal, -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, and -Aralkyl; and

R and R', which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom or an –Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical.

80. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, wherein the intermediate chains are represented by formula

wherein

A" represents an -Alkyl, -Alkenyl, or -Alkynyl radical, each of which is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from -Alkyl, -Hal, -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, and -Aralkyl; and

R and R', which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom or an -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical.

- 81. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, wherein M⁺ represents a cation of an element of group IA, IIA, IIB or IIIA of the periodic table or a cation of a nitrogen-containing base.
- 82. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, wherein M is selected from the atoms sodium and potassium.

- 83. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, wherein the generation chains are identical.
- 84. (Currently Amended) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, wherein the generation chains <u>and the intermediate chains</u>, which may be identical or different, are <u>respectively</u> represented by the formula (C1) [[or]] <u>and</u> (C2):

$$-A-B-C(D)=N-N(E)-(P(=G))$$
 (C1)

wherein:

A represents an oxygen, sulfur or phosphorus atom or a radical -NR-;

B represents an -Aryl-, -Heteroaryl-, or -Alkyl- radical, each of which is optionally substituted by a Halogen atom or by a -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

C represents a carbon atom,

D and E, which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom, or an -Alkyl, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical, each of which is optionally substituted by a Halogen atom or a -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

G represents a sulfur, oxygen, nitrogen, selenium or tellurium atom or a radical =NR;

N represents a nitrogen atom;

P represents a phosphorus atom;

J represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or a radical -NR-;

K represents a radical -Aryl-, -Heteroaryl-, or -Alkyl-, each of which is optionally substituted by a Halogen atom or by a -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

L represents a linear or branched hydrocarbon chain having from 1 to 6 chain members and optionally having one or more double or triple bonds, each of said chain members optionally being a heteroatom, each chain member being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from -Alkyl, -Hal, -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, and -Aralkyl,

wherein R and R', which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom or an -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical.

85. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, which is represented by the following formula (I-1i):

$$-\{A-B-C(D)=N-N(E)-(P(=G))<\}^n[J-K-(Alk)_a-N<[A2-P(=O)(OX)_2]_2]_2\}_m$$
 (I-1i) in which:

§ represents a central core;

 ${A-B-C(D)=N-N(E)-(P(=G))<}^n$ represents generation chains;

J-K-(Alk)_a- represents an intermediate chain';

A represents an oxygen, sulfur or phosphorus atom or a radical -NR-;

B represents an -Aryl-, -Heteroaryl-, or -Alkyl- radical, each of which is optionally substituted by a Halogen atom or a -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

C represents a carbon atom,

D and E, which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom, or an -Alkyl, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical, each of which is optionally substituted by a Halogen atom or a -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

G represents a sulfur, oxygen, nitrogen, selenium or tellurium atom or a radical =NR;

N represents a nitrogen atom;

P represents a phosphorus atom;

R and R', which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom or an -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

J represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or a radical -NR-;

K represents an -Aryl-, -Heteroaryl-, or -Alkyl- radical, each of which is optionally substituted by a Halogen atom or a -NO2, -NRR', -CN, -CF3, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

X represents an -alkyl or -Aryl radical, -H or /M⁺, where M is a cation,

the radicals A2, which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a single bond or a linear or branched hydrocarbon chain having from 1 to 6 chain members, each of said chain members optionally being selected from a heteroatom, each chain member being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from -Alkyl, -Hal, -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, and -Aralkyl;

m represents an integer greater than or equal to 1; n represents an integer from 0 to 12; {}ⁿ denotes the branched structure of the generation n chains of said dendritic polymer, and

a represents 0 or 1.

86. (Previously Presented) A dendritic polymer according to claim 54, which is represented by the following formula (I-1ii):

$$-\{A-B-C(D)=N-N(E)-(P(=G))<\}^n[J-K-C(D)=N-N(E)-(Alk)_a-CH<[A2-P(=O)(OX)_2]_2\}_m$$
 (I-1ii)

in which:

§ represents a central core;

 $\{A-B-C(D)=N-N(E)-(P(=G))<\}^n$ represents generation chains;

 $J-K-C(D)=N-N(E)-(Alk)_a$ - represents and intermediate chain;

A represents an oxygen, sulfur or phosphorus atom or a radical -NR-;

B represents an -Aryl-, -Heteroaryl-, or -Alkyl- radical, each of which is optionally substituted by a Halogen atom or a -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

C represents a carbon atom,

D and E, which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom, or an -Alkyl, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical, each of which is optionally substituted by a Halogen atom or a -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

G represents a sulfur, oxygen, nitrogen, selenium or tellurium atom or a radical =NR;

N represents a nitrogen atom;

P represents a phosphorus atom;

J represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or a radical -NR-;

K represents an -Aryl-, -Heteroaryl-, or -Alkyl- radical, each of which is optionally substituted by a Halogen atom or by a -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

X represents an Alkyl or-Aryl radical, -H or /M⁺, where M is a cation,

the radicals A2, which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a single bond or a linear or branched hydrocarbon chain having from 1 to 6 chain members, each of said chain members optionally being selected from a heteroatom, each chain member being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from -Alkyl, -Hal, -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, and -Aralkyl;

m represents an integer greater than or equal to 1;

n represents an integer from 0 to 12;

{}ⁿ denotes the branched structure of the generation n chains of said dendritic polymer, and

a represents 0 or 1.

- 87. (Cancelled)
- 88. (Cancelled)
- 89. (Withdrawn) A method for preparing a dendritic polymer according to claim 54, comprising:

(i) reacting the corresponding dendritic polymer having a terminal function -CHO, -CH=NR, -NH₂ or -P(=G)Cl₂

with a corresponding compound having one or two functionalities -PO₃X₂;

- (ii) optionally followed, when X represents H or M, by a step which comprises converting the dendritic polymer obtained in (i) having a -PO₃Me₂ termination into the corresponding dendritic polymer having an -A1<[A2-P(=O)(OH)₂]₂ termination,
- (iii) optionally followed, when X represents M, by a step which comprises converting the dendritic polymer obtained in (ii) having an -A1<[A2-P(=O)(OH)₂]₂ termination into the salt of the corresponding dendritic polymer having an -A1<[A2-P(=O)(OM)₂]₂ termination.
- 90. (Withdrawn) A method for preparing a dendritic polymer according to claim 89, wherein, when the dendritic polymer according to the invention is represented by the formula (I-1i)

$$\S-\{\{A-B-C(D)=N-N(E)-(P(=G))<\}^n[J-K-(Alk)_a-N<[A2-P(=O)(OX)_2]_2]_2\}_m$$
 (I-1i) in which \S , A, B, C, D, E, G, N, P, J, K, A2, Alk, X, a, m, n, and < have the meanings defined above,

step (i) comprises reacting with the corresponding dendritic polymer of the same generation n of the formula

$$\S-\{\{A-B-C(D)=N-N(E)-(P(=G))< Y_2\}^n \qquad (II-1i)$$
 wherein Y represents -CI; a compound of formula H-J-K-(Alk)_a-N<[A2-P(=O)(OX)₂]₂ (III).

- 91. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 90, wherein the reaction is carried out in solution in a polar aprotic solvent, in the presence of an organic or inorganic base, at a temperature of from -80°C to 100°C.
 - 92. (Cancelled)
 - 93. (Cancelled)
- 94. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 89, wherein, when the dendritic polymer according to the invention is represented by formula (I-1ii)

in which:

§, A, B, C, D, E, G, N, P, J, K, L, X, A2, m, n, and a have the meanings defined above,

step (i) comprises reacting with the corresponding dendritic polymer of formula

$$-{A-B-C(D)=N-N(E)-(P(=G))<}^n-[J-K-L']_2}_m$$
 (II-1ii)

wherein L' represents a radical -CHO;

a compound of formula
$$(Alk')_a$$
-CH-[A2-P(=O)(OX)₂] (VI)

wherein Alk' corresponding to Alk defined above in formula (I-1ii) represents a radical Alkenyl, and X has the meaning defined above, in the presence of a compound of formula

$$H_3C-NH-NH_2$$
 (VII).

- 95. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 94, wherein the reaction is carried out in a polar aprotic solvent medium, by addition of the compounds (VI) and (VII) to the dendritic polymer (II-1ii) at a temperature of from -80°C to 100°C.
- 96. (Withdrawn) A method for preparing a dendritic polymer according to claim 89, wherein step (ii) is carried out:
 - by the action of a trimethylsilane halide,
- followed by the action of anhydrous MeOH, which is added to the reaction mixture.
- 97. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 96, wherein the procedure is carried out in a polar aprotic organic solvent by addition of the trimethylsilane halide while keeping the reaction mixture at a temperature of from -80°C to 50°C.
- 98. (Withdrawn) A method for preparing a dendritic polymer according to claim 89, wherein in step (iii) a salt of a compound according to the invention is obtained starting from a compound according to the invention having a terminal group in which X represents a hydrogen atom.
- 99. (Withdrawn) A method for preparing a dendritic polymer according to claim 98, wherein the procedure is carried out in solution, in a suitable polar protic or aprotic solvent, in the presence of an organic or inorganic base, depending on the salt that is desired.

100. (Withdrawn) A compound of formula (III):

$$H-J-K-(A|k)_a-N<[A2-P(=O)(OX)_2]_2$$
 (III)

in which

X represents an -Alkyl, -C(=O), or -Aryl radical, H or M^+ , wherein M^+ is a cation;

J represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or a radical -NR-;

K represents an -Aryl-, -Heteroaryl-, or -Alkyl- radical, each of which is optionally substituted by a Halogen atom or a -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

the radicals A2, which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a single bond or a linear or branched hydrocarbon chain having from 1 to 6 chain members, each of said chain members optionally being selected from a heteroatom, preferably nitrogen, each chain member being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from -Alkyl, -Hal, -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, and -Aralkyl;

-Alk- represents an alkyl radical; and a represents 0 or 1.

101. (Withdrawn) A method for preparing a compound of formula (III) according to claim 100, comprising the following step:

H-J-K-(Alk)_a-NH₂ (VIII) + H-A2'-(C=O)H (V) + H-P(=O)(OX)₂ (IV)
$$\rightarrow$$
 H-J-K-(Alk)_a-N<[A2-PO₃X₂]₂ (III)

wherein, in formula (V), -A2'- is a radical corresponding to A2.

- 102. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 101, wherein the procedure is carried out by addition of the compounds (VIII) and (IV), and of the compound (V), at a temperature of from –5 to 25°C.
- 103. (Withdrawn) A method for treating or being in contact with surfaces comprising using a dendritic polymer according to claim 54.
- 104. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 103, wherein said surfaces are metal, silica-based or oxide-based.
- 105. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 103, wherein said dendritic polymer is used as an additive in a composition that is to be in contact with or to treat said surface.
- 106. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 103, wherein said dendritic polymer is used as an anti-corrosive agent, a lubricating agent, a scale preventer or as a flame retardant.
 - 107. (Cancelled)
 - 108. (New) A dendritic polymer of generation n comprising:
 - a central core § of valence m;

- optionally, generation chains branching around the core;
- an intermediate chain at the end of each generation chain that is present, or at the end of each bond around the core, where appropriate; and
- a terminal group at the end of each intermediate chain,

wherein said terminal group is represented by the formula:

$$-(A1)<[A2-P(=O)(OX)_2]_2$$
 (T)

wherein

-A1< represents the radical -CR< or -Heteroatom<;

the radicals A2, which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a single bond or a linear or branched hydrocarbon chain having from 1 to 6 chain members, each of said chain members optionally being selected from a heteroatom, each chain member being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from -Alkyl, -Hal, -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, and -Aralkyl;

R and R', which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom or an -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

X represents an -Alkyl or -Aryl radical, -H or /M⁺, where M is a cation,

m represents an integer greater than or equal to 1;

n represents an integer from 0 to 12; and

< represents two bonds situated on A1,

wherein the intermediate chains are represented by formula:

wherein

J represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or a radical -NR-;

K represents an -Aryl-, -C(=O), -Heteroaryl-, or -Alkyl- radical, each of which is optionally substituted by a Halogen atom or a $-NO_2$, -NRR', -CN, $-CF_3$, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

L represents a linear or branched hydrocarbon chain having from 1 to 6 chain members and optionally having one or more double or triple bonds, each of said chain members optionally being a heteroatom, each chain member being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from -Alkyl, -Hal, -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, and -Aralkyl,

wherein R and R', which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom or an -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical

109. (New) A dendritic polymer according to claim 108, wherein A2 represents -Me-.

110. (New) A dendritic polymer according to claim 108, wherein the central core § is selected from the group consisting of:

111. (New) A dendritic polymer according to claim 108, wherein the central core § has the formula:

- 112. (New) A dendritic polymer according to claim 108, wherein m represents an integer from 1 to 8.
- 113. (New) A dendritic polymer according to claim 108, wherein m is selected from 3, 4 and 6.
- 114. (New) A dendritic polymer according to claim 108, wherein n is from 0 to 3.
- 115. (New) A dendritic polymer according to claim 108, wherein the generation chains are selected from linear and branched hydrocarbon chains having from 1 to 12 chain members and optionally having one or more double or triple bonds, each of said chain members optionally being selected from a heteroatom, an Aryl radical, a Heteroaryl radical, >C=O, and >C=NR, each chain member being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of-Alkyl, -Hal, -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, and -Aralkyl,

wherein

R and R', which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom or an -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical.

- 116. (New) A dendritic polymer according to claim 108, wherein M⁺ represents a cation of an element of group IA, IIA, IIB or IIIA of the periodic table or a cation of a nitrogen-containing base.
- 117. (New) A dendritic polymer according to claim 108, wherein M is selected from the atoms sodium and potassium.
- 118. (New) A dendritic polymer according to claim 108, wherein the generation chains are identical.
- 119. (New) A dendritic polymer according to claim 108, wherein the generation chains and intermediate chains are respectively represented by the formula (C1) and (C2):

$$-A-B-C(D)=N-N(E)-(P(=G))$$
 (C1)

wherein:

A represents an oxygen, sulfur or phosphorus atom or a radical -NR-;

B represents an -Aryl-, -Heteroaryl-, or -Alkyl- radical, each of which is optionally substituted by a Halogen atom or by a -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

C represents a carbon atom,

D and E, which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom, or an -Alkyl, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical, each of which is optionally substituted by a Halogen atom or a -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

G represents a sulfur, oxygen, nitrogen, selenium or tellurium atom or a radical =NR;

N represents a nitrogen atom;

P represents a phosphorus atom;

J represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or a radical -NR-;

K represents a radical -Aryl-, -Heteroaryl-, or -Alkyl-, each of which is optionally substituted by a Halogen atom or by a -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

L represents a linear or branched hydrocarbon chain having from 1 to 6 chain members and optionally having one or more double or triple bonds, each of said chain members optionally being a heteroatom, each chain member being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from -Alkyl, -Hal, -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, and -Aralkyl,

wherein R and R', which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom or an -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical.

120. (New) A dendritic polymer according to claim 108, which is represented by the following formula (I-1i):

in which:

§ represents a central core;

 ${A-B-C(D)=N-N(E)-(P(=G))<}^n$ represents generation chains;

J-K-(Alk)_a- represents an intermediate chain';

A represents an oxygen, sulfur or phosphorus atom or a radical -NR-;

B represents an -Aryl-, -Heteroaryl-, or -Alkyl- radical, each of which is optionally substituted by a Halogen atom or a -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

C represents a carbon atom,

D and E, which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom, or an -Alkyl, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical, each of which is optionally substituted by a Halogen atom or a -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

G represents a sulfur, oxygen, nitrogen, selenium or tellurium atom or a radical =NR;

N represents a nitrogen atom;

P represents a phosphorus atom;

R and R', which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a hydrogen atom or an -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

J represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or a radical -NR-;

K represents an -Aryl-, -Heteroaryl-, or -Alkyl- radical, each of which is optionally substituted by a Halogen atom or a -NO2, -NRR', -CN, -CF3, -OH, -Alkyl, -Aryl, or -Aralkyl radical;

X represents an -alkyl or -Aryl radical, -H or /M⁺, where M is a cation,

the radicals A2, which are identical or different, each independently of the other represents a single bond or a linear or branched hydrocarbon chain having from 1 to 6 chain members, each of said chain members optionally being selected from a heteroatom, each chain member being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from -Alkyl, -Hal, -NO₂, -NRR', -CN, -CF₃, -OH, -OAlkyl, -Aryl, and -Aralkyl;

m represents an integer greater than or equal to 1;

n represents an integer from 0 to 12;

{}ⁿ denotes the branched structure of the generation n chains of said dendritic polymer, and

a represents 0 or 1.

- 121. (New) A method for preparing a dendritic polymer according to claim108, comprising:
- (i) reacting the corresponding dendritic polymer having a terminal function -CHO, -CH=NR, -NH₂ or -P(=G)Cl₂

with a corresponding compound having one or two functionalities -PO₃X₂;

- (ii) optionally followed, when X represents H or M, by a step which comprises converting the dendritic polymer obtained in (i) having a -PO₃Me₂ termination into the corresponding dendritic polymer having an -A1<[A2-P(=O)(OH)₂]₂ termination,
- (iii) optionally followed, when X represents M, by a step which comprises converting the dendritic polymer obtained in (ii) having an -A1<[A2-P(=O)(OH)₂]₂ termination into the salt of the corresponding dendritic polymer having an -A1<[A2-P(=O)(OM)₂]₂ termination.

122. (New) A method for treating or being in contact with surfaces comprising using a dendritic polymer according to claim 108.